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I-5 Everett HOV Lanes Project Requests Design-Build Bid Proposals
Four pre-approved teams expected to submit

Washington State Department of Transportation requested bid proposals from four pre-qualified teams today to design and build the Interstate 5 Everett High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes project in Snohomish County, Washington.

“We’ve hit the next milestone in delivering this project quickly,” said Bob Dyer, I-5 Everett HOV project director, “We are that much closer to improving the drive for thousands of motorists who use this busy stretch of roadway each day.”

The four teams pre-qualified for the design-build proposal include: Kiewit Pacific Company; Kuney/Mowat Constructors, LLC; Granite/Wilder, JV; and Atkinson/CH2M Hill, JV.

According to I-5 Everett HOV Engineering Manager Pat McCormick WSDOT expects all bidders to propose innovative ideas on how they will deliver the project quickly and meet WSDOT’s budgeting, accountability, community satisfaction and environmental commitment goals.

“We expect to announce the winning team in April 2005,” said McCormick, “Drivers and neighbors could notice construction activity as early as May 2005.”

The project will add north and southbound carpool lanes on I-5 from Highway 526 just past US 2, add an extra merging lane on I-5 between 41st street and US 2, widen or replace 16 bridges, improve on-ramps and exits, install noise walls at certain locations, treat storm water run off, and build a new right-hand exit to Broadway.

For additional project information please visit the project Web page at:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR526US2HOV/default.htm

For more information about design build, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/InnvContract/desbuild.htm

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